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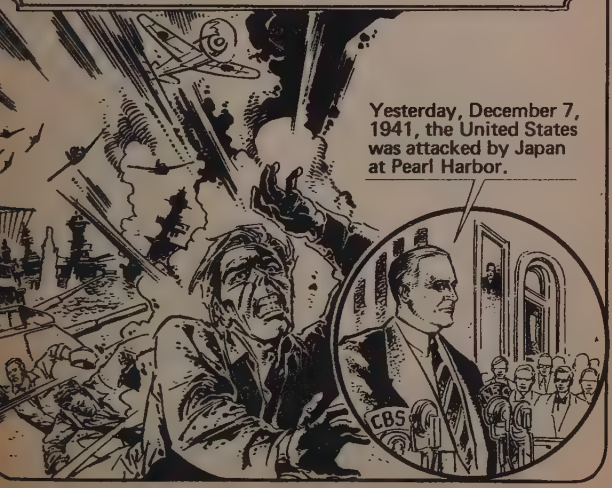
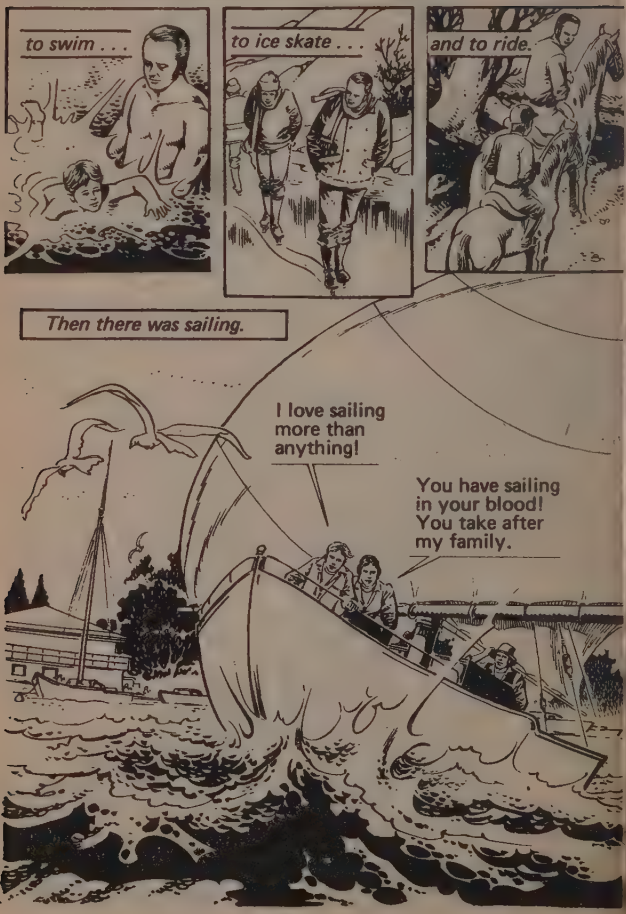
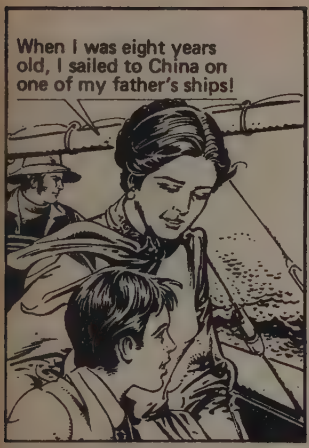


The Young Student

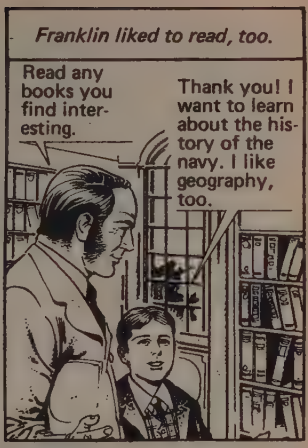
Many years earlier, in 1882, a doctor hurried to Springwood, an estate at Hyde Park, New York.
Good evening, sir.
The next morning, James Roosevelt wrote in a diary.
January 30. . . . My wife, Sallie, had a wonderful baby boy.
Soon the baby's mother was strong again.
Let me bathe him, ma'am!
Oh, I want to do it myself.
In a few weeks, the family went to church.
The name?
Franklin Delano Roosevelt!

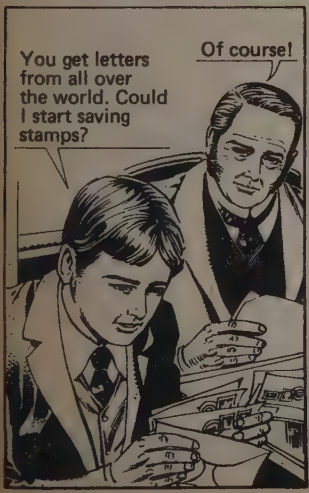
As Franklin grew, his father taught him many things:


to swim . . .
to ice skate . . .
and to ride.
Then there was sailing.
I love sailing more than anything!
You have sailing in your blood! You take after my family.

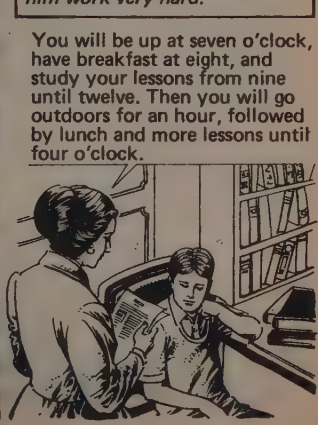


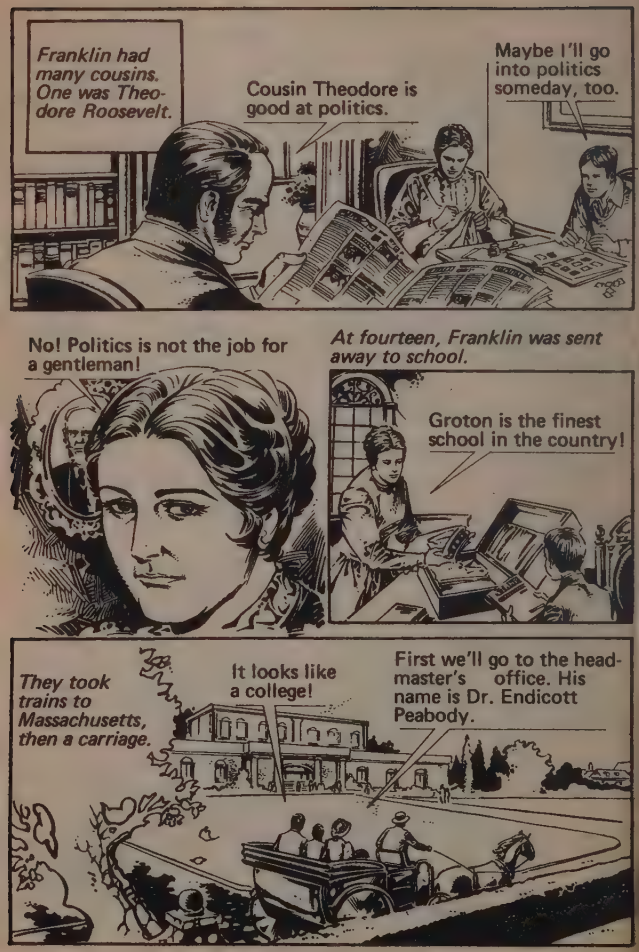
Franklin liked to read, too.

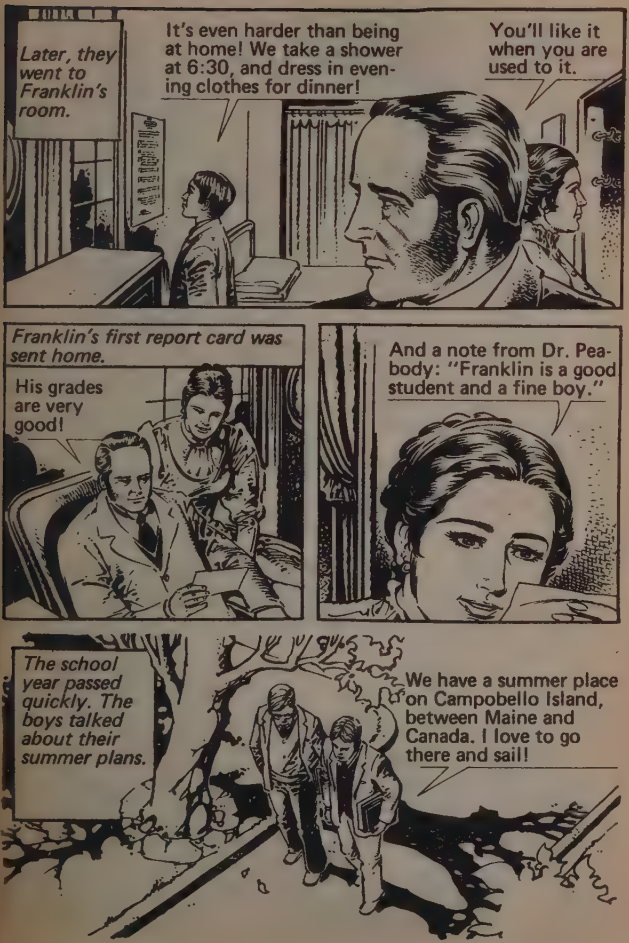


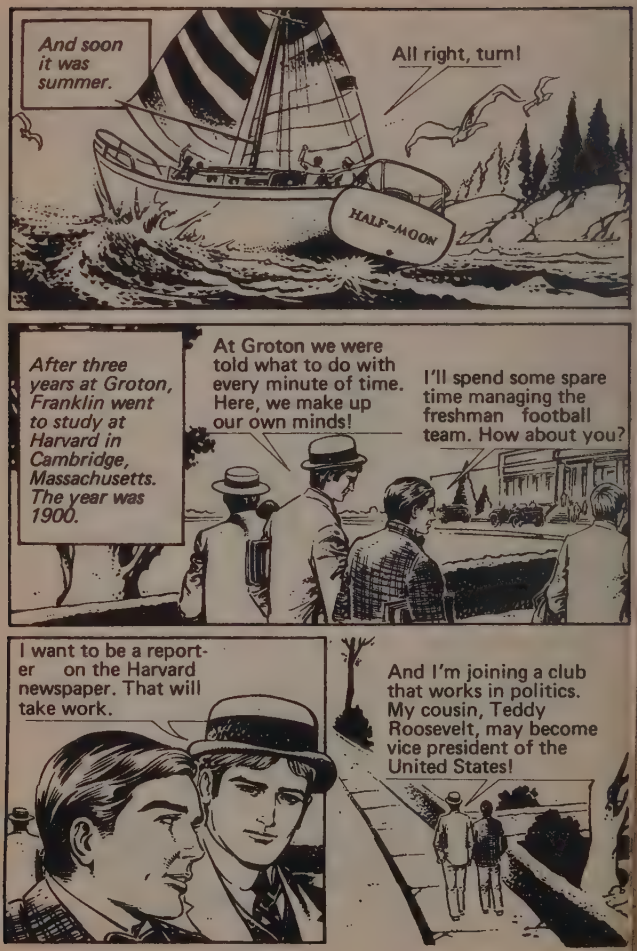


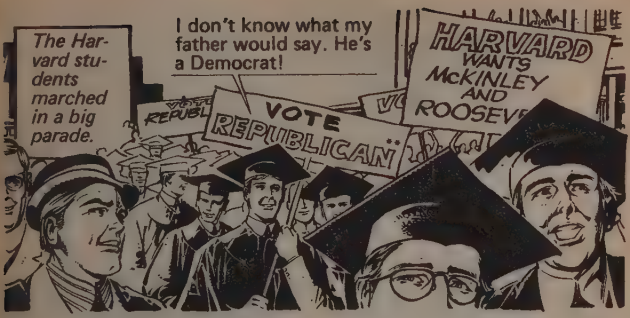
For school, Franklin had his own teacher. His mother made him work very hard.


You will be up at seven o'clock, have breakfast at eight, and study your lessons from nine until twelve. Then you will go outdoors for an hour, followed by lunch and more lessons until four o'clock.


Franklin had many cousins. One was Theodore Roosevelt.
Cousin Theodore is good at politics.
Maybe I'll go into politics someday, too.
No! Politics is not the job for a gentleman!
At fourteen, Franklin was sent away to school.
Groton is the finest school in the country!
They took trains to Massachusetts, then a carriage.
It looks like a college!
First we'll go to the headmaster's office. His name is Dr. Endicott Peabody.


Later, they went to Franklin's room.
It's even harder than being at home! We take a shower at 6:30, and dress in evening clothes for dinner!
You'll like it when you are used to it.
Franklin's first report card was sent home.
His grades are very good!
And a note from Dr. Peabody: "Franklin is a good student and a fine boy."
The school year passed quickly. The boys talked about their summer plans.
We have a summer place on Campobello Island, between Maine and Canada. I love to go there and sail!


And soon it was summer.
All right, turn!
HALF-MOON
After three years at Groton, Franklin went to study at Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The year was 1900.
At Groton we were told what to do with every minute of time. Here, we make up our own minds!
I'll spend some spare time managing the freshman football team. How about you?
I want to be a reporter on the Harvard newspaper. That will take work.
And I'm joining a club that works in politics. My cousin, Teddy Roosevelt, may become vice president of the United States!


The Harvard students marched in a big parade.
I don't know what my father would say. He's a Democrat!
HARVARD WANTS McKINLEY AND
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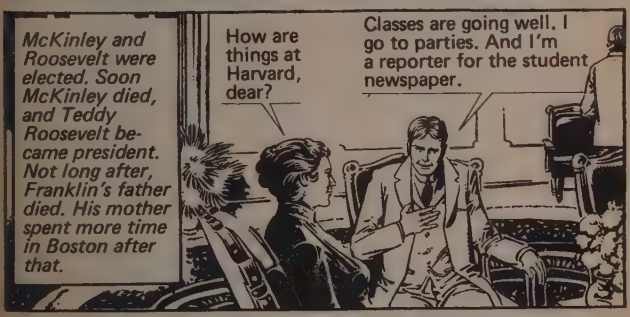
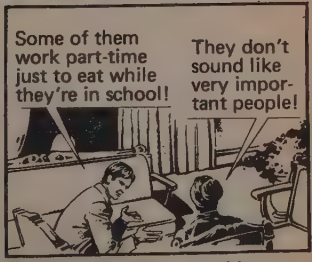

McKinley and Roosevelt were elected. Soon McKinley died, and Teddy Roosevelt became president. Not long after, Franklin's father died. His mother spent more time in Boston after that.
How are things at Harvard, dear?
Classes are going well. I go to parties. And I'm a reporter for the student newspaper.

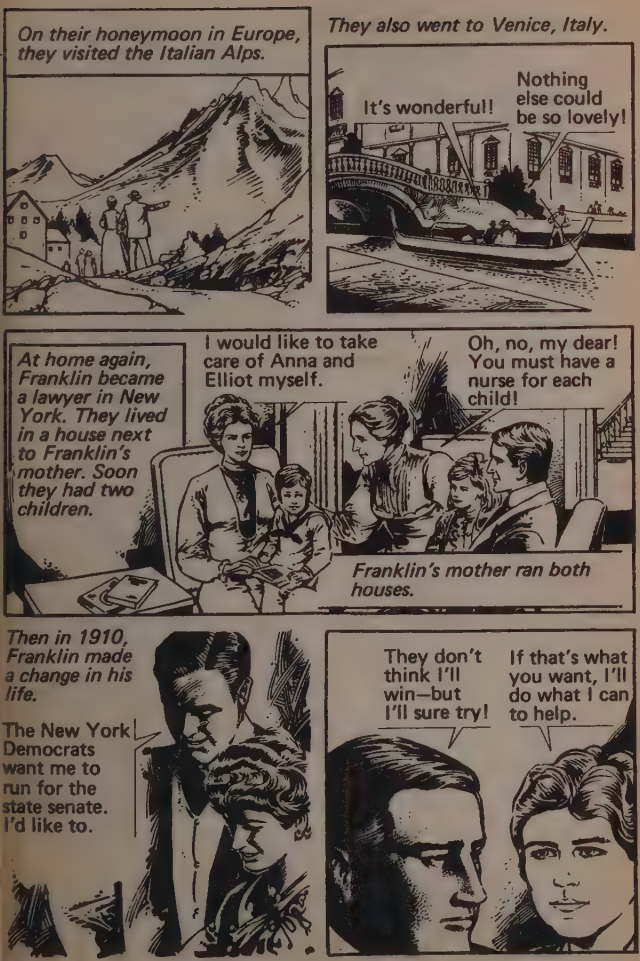


But Franklin kept on making friends with fellow students.

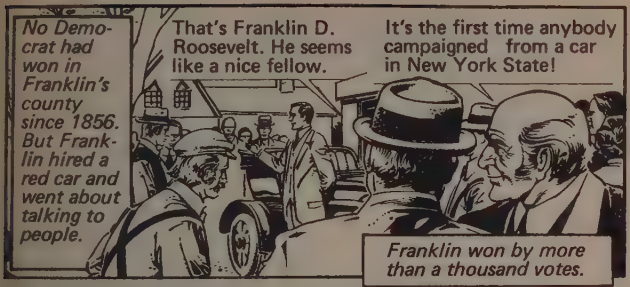
Franklin Roosevelt Takes a Wife

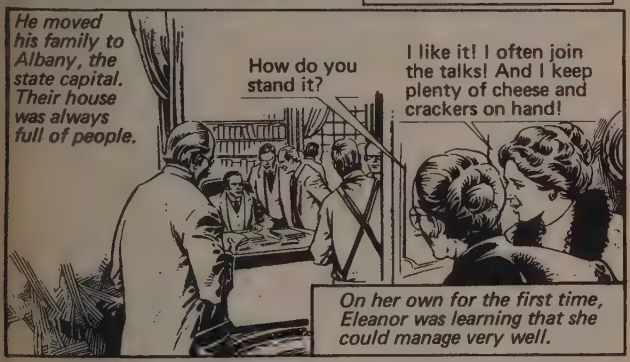
One holiday, Franklin traveled by train to Hyde Park.
Aren't you my cousin Eleanor?
We're only fifth cousins, you know.
Mother is with me. Won't you come and say hello to her?
Yes, of course!
Eleanor Roosevelt was an orphan. She and Franklin had not met for several years.
Franklin talked with the two ladies.
I've just returned from school in England. This winter I'll live with Aunt Edith in New York.
You'll have a wonderful time.
I hope to see you there!
On weekends and holidays, Franklin went to New York.
I don't really like dances and parties. I would rather work to help poor people.
I am just learning how many poor people there are who need help!

With other cousins, Eleanor visited at Hyde Park.
A hayride and a picnic—what a fine idea!
She also visited Harvard.
Too bad Harvard lost!
I'm going to see that more students come to the games next year.
In December, 1903, Franklin had news for his mother.
I am a lucky man! Eleanor has agreed to marry me.
But you're both so young! You have plenty of time.
It will only mean that you will have two children to love you instead of one!
Eleanor is a dear girl. Perhaps if you wait awhile . . . go with me on a trip.
They waited, but they did not change their minds. They were married on March 17, 1905. Eleanor's uncle, President Teddy Roosevelt, gave the bride away.
In this wedding, the bride is not the most important person!
I like it that way!

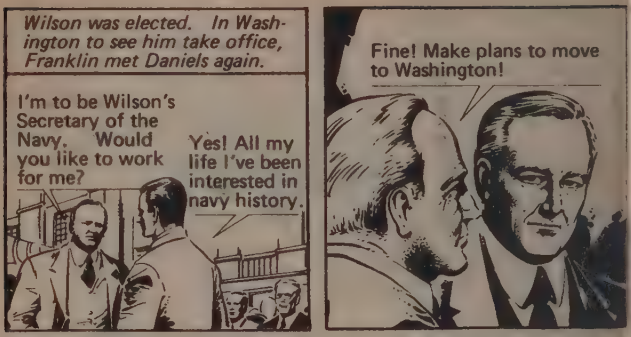

On their honeymoon in Europe, they visited the Italian Alps.
They also went to Venice, Italy.
It's wonderful!
Nothing else could be so lovely!
At home again, Franklin became a lawyer in New York. They lived in a house next to Franklin's mother. Soon they had two children.
I would like to take care of Anna and Elliot myself.
Oh, no, my dear! You must have a nurse for each child!
Franklin's mother ran both houses.
Then in 1910, Franklin made a change in his life.
The New York Democrats want me to run for the state senate. I'd like to.
They don't think I'll win—but I'll sure try!
If that's what you want, I'll do what I can to help.

Senator and Governor of New York

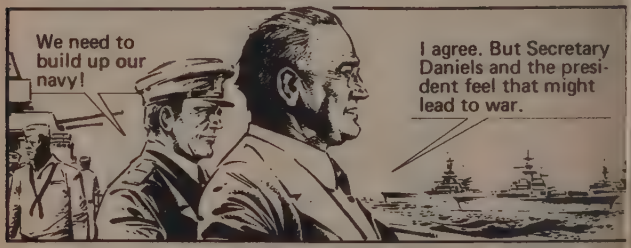

No Democrat had won in Franklin's county since 1856. But Franklin hired a red car and went about talking to people.
That's Franklin D. Roosevelt. He seems like a nice fellow.
It's the first time anybody campaigned from a car in New York State!
Franklin won by more than a thousand votes.

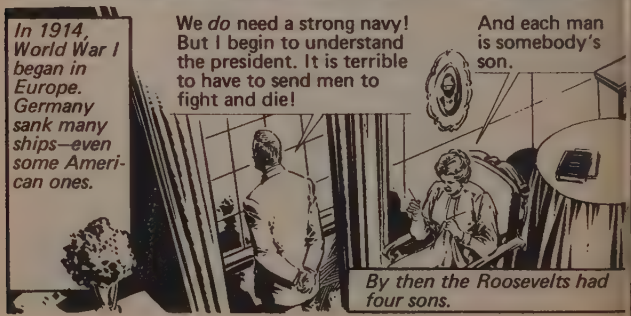

He moved his family to Albany, the state capital. Their house was always full of people.
How do you stand it?
I like it! I often join the talks! And I keep plenty of cheese and crackers on hand!
On her own for the first time, Eleanor was learning that she could manage very well.

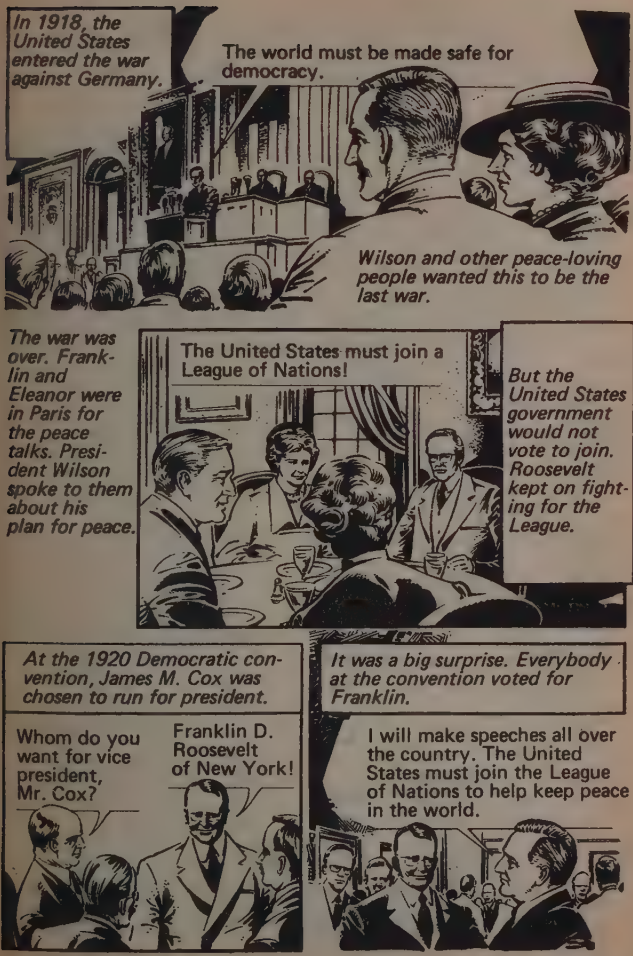
In 1912, Franklin was sent to the Democratic convention.
He met Josephus Daniels there.
More than anything, I want to see Woodrow Wilson as president!
You are just the kind of man we want on our side!

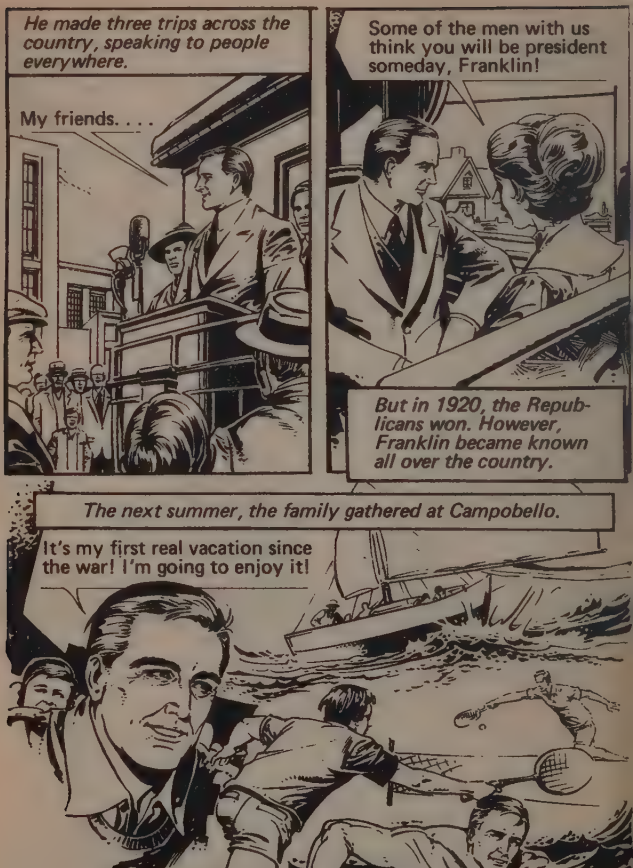

Wilson was elected. In Washington to see him take office, Franklin met Daniels again.
I'm to be Wilson's Secretary of the Navy. Would you like to work for me?
Yes! All my life I've been interested in navy history.
Fine! Make plans to move to Washington!

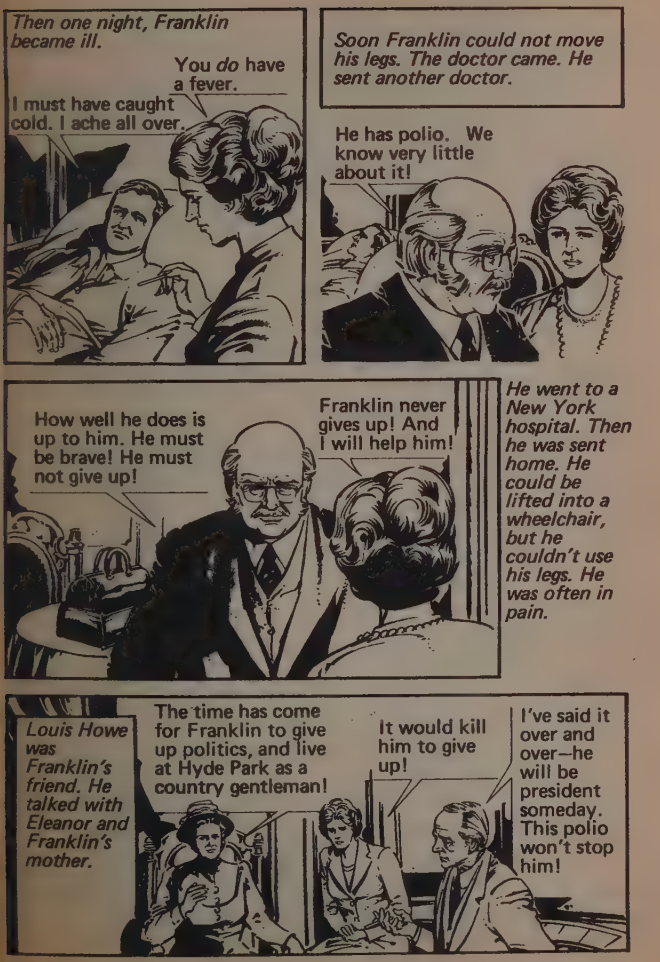
Franklin wanted to learn everything he could. He visited navy yards and ships.




In 1914, World War I began in Europe. Germany sank many ships—even some American ones.
We do need a strong navy! But I begin to understand the president. It is terrible to have to send men to fight and die!
And each man is somebody's son.
By then the Roosevelts had four sons.


In 1918, the United States entered the war against Germany.
The world must be made safe for democracy.
Wilson and other peace-loving people wanted this to be the last war.
The war was over. Franklin and Eleanor were in Paris for the peace talks. President Wilson spoke to them about his plan for peace.
The United States must join a League of Nations!
But the United States government would not vote to join. Roosevelt kept on fighting for the League.
At the 1920 Democratic convention, James M. Cox was chosen to run for president.
Whom do you want for vice president, Mr. Cox?
Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York!
It was a big surprise. Everybody at the convention voted for Franklin.
I will make speeches all over the country. The United States must join the League of Nations to help keep peace in the world.


He made three trips across the country, speaking to people everywhere.
My friends. . . .
Some of the men with us think you will be president someday, Franklin!
But in 1920, the Republicans won. However, Franklin became known all over the country.
The next summer, the family gathered at Campobello.
It's my first real vacation since the war! I'm going to enjoy it!


Then one night, Franklin became ill.
You do have a fever.
I must have caught cold. I ache all over.
Soon Franklin could not move his legs. The doctor came. He sent another doctor.
He has polio. We know very little about it!
How well he does is up to him. He must be brave! He must not give up!
Franklin never gives up! And I will help him!
He went to a New York hospital. Then he was sent home. He could be lifted into a wheelchair, but he couldn't use his legs. He was often in pain.
Louis Howe was Franklin's friend. He talked with Eleanor and Franklin's mother.
The time has come for Franklin to give up politics, and live at Hyde Park as a country gentleman!
It would kill him to give up!
I've said it over and over—he will be president someday. This polio won't stop him!

Franklin agreed with Louis and Eleanor.

I am not sick! Don't let anyone think of me as sick! And if my legs are weak, I'll build up the rest of my body!

During the time Franklin is getting better, you must work for him. Enter politics! Make speeches!

I'll try!

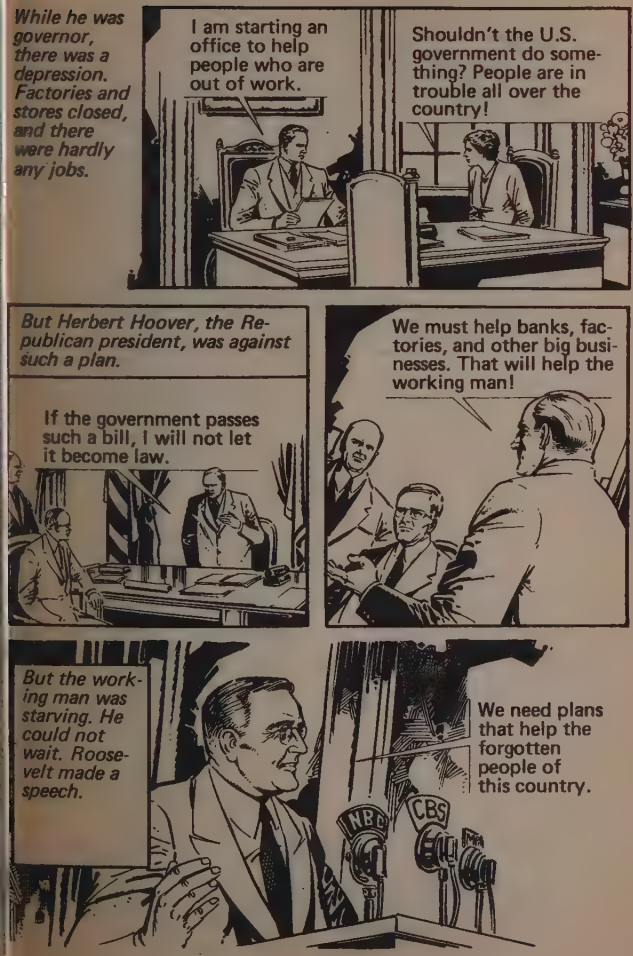
Eleanor did what Louis asked. She became good at speech-making.

The doctors told Franklin to swim. So he went to Warm Springs, Georgia.

There is feeling in my toes for the first time since I was sick! I'll come here every winter until my legs are strong!

He made a plan to turn Warm Springs into a place where crippled people could come for help.

Back in New York, Franklin was able to work again. He also went back to politics. In 1928, he was elected governor of New York.


While he was governor, there was a depression. Factories and stores closed, and there were hardly any jobs.
I am starting an office to help people who are out of work.
Shouldn't the U.S. government do something? People are in trouble all over the country!
But Herbert Hoover, the Republican president, was against such a plan.
If the government passes such a bill, I will not let it become law.
We must help banks, factories, and other big businesses. That will help the working man!
But the working man was starving. He could not wait. Roosevelt made a speech.
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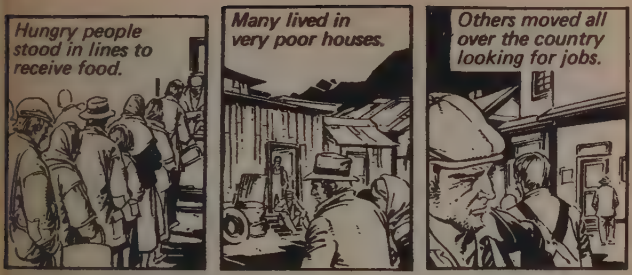
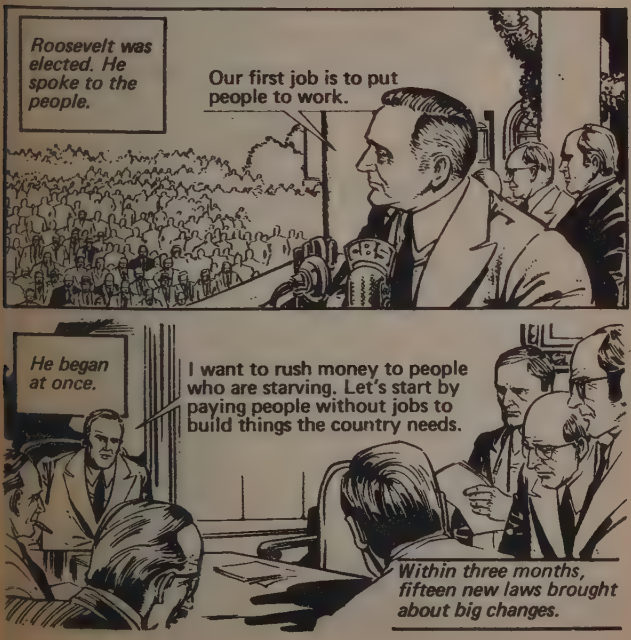
We need plans that help the forgotten people of this country.

The World War II President

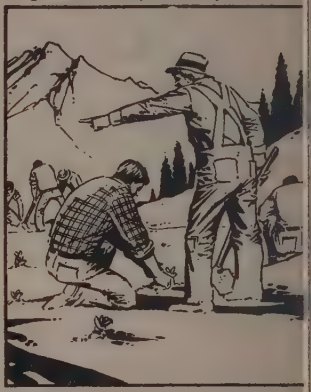

Hungry people stood in lines to receive food.
Many lived in very poor houses.
Others moved all over the country looking for jobs.

In 1932, Roosevelt ran for president.

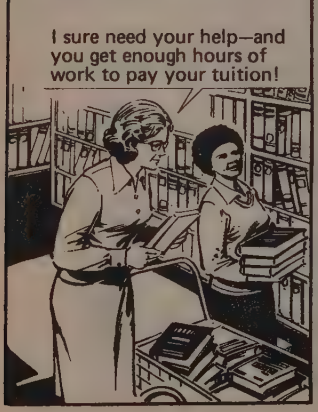

Roosevelt was elected. He spoke to the people.
Our first job is to put people to work.
He began at once.
I want to rush money to people who are starving. Let's start by paying people without jobs to build things the country needs.
Within three months, fifteen new laws brought about big changes.

The "forgotten man" began to hope again.

Young men were given a chance to live, make money, and work at government-planned jobs.



College students could get work to pay for their schooling.



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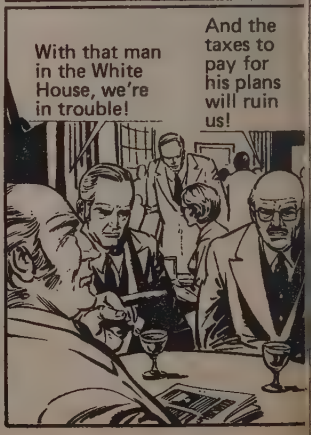

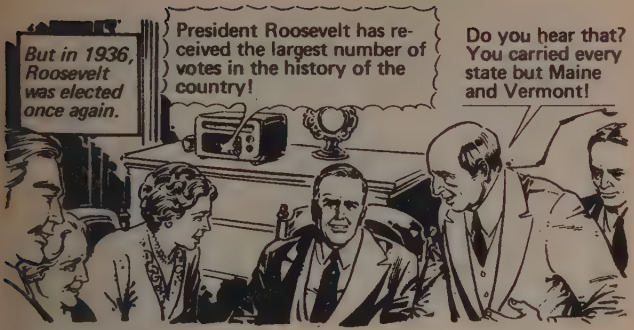
But in 1936, Roosevelt was elected once again.
President Roosevelt has received the largest number of votes in the history of the country!
Do you hear that? You carried every state but Maine and Vermont!

But as things grew better in America, war was spreading across Europe. Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland fell to Hitler's German army—then Holland, Belgium, and France.

In Washington, Roosevelt was worried.

I hate war! The people of this country don't want war! But countries are in danger all over the world.

He told Americans of a new idea.

We will not go to war, but we will send England the tools it needs to fight with.

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Early in 1941, Roosevelt spelled out his goals for peace—the Four Freedoms.

Freedom of speech . . . freedom of worship . . . freedom from want . . . freedom from fear of aggression . . . everywhere in the world!

Then, on December 7, the American ships at Pearl Harbor were attacked by planes from Japan. The next morning Roosevelt spoke to his government.

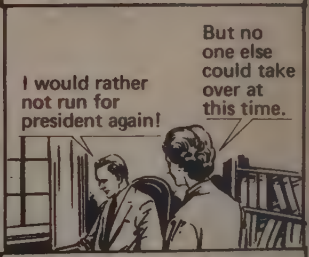
Yesterday, December 7, 1941, the United States was attacked by Japan.

The members of the government voted to go to war.

Factories built planes and tanks instead of refrigerators and cars.
The whole country agreed with the president.
Roosevelt's four sons were like many other American soldiers fighting all over the world:
Elliott in the Air Force . . .
James in the Marines . . .
Franklin Jr. and John in the Navy.
Eleanor took the president's greetings to men fighting in the South Pacific.

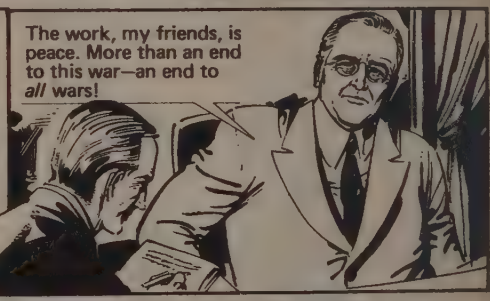
The president traveled all over the world to meet the leaders of other countries.

And he still had to find time for politics.

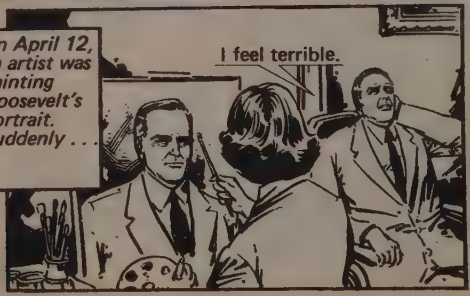


He was elected for a third term, and then a fourth.

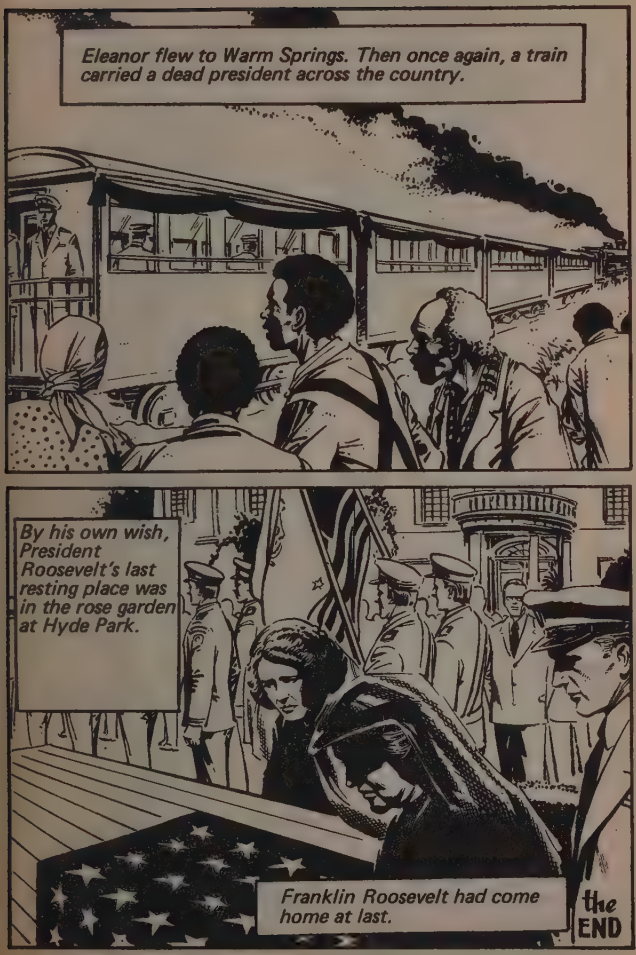
He never stopped planning for peace. In March, 1945, he went to Warm Springs where he wrote a speech.



On April 12, an artist was painting Roosevelt's portrait. Suddenly . . .



A doctor came quickly. But four hours later Franklin Roosevelt was dead.


Eleanor flew to Warm Springs. Then once again, a train carried a dead president across the country.
By his own wish, President Roosevelt's last resting place was in the rose garden at Hyde Park.
Franklin Roosevelt had come home at last.
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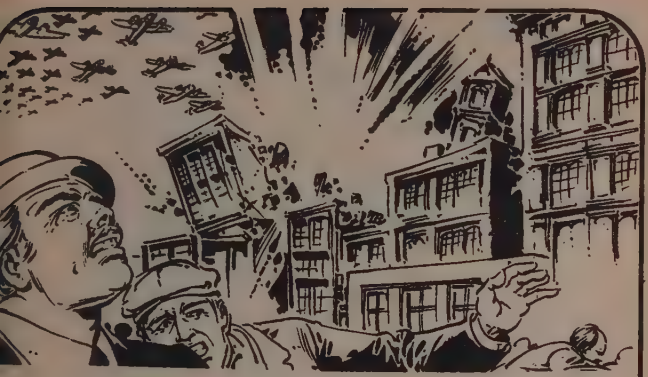
Do you remember?

Until he was fourteen, Franklin D. Roosevelt was:

a. taught at home. b. a public school student.
c. a private school student.

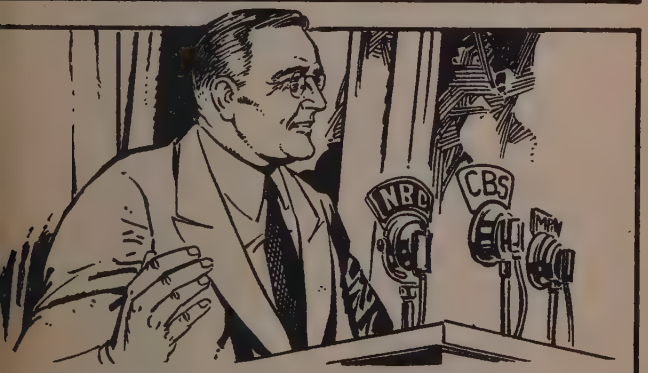
FDR was a lawyer, was married, and was the father of two children when he became active in:

a. politics. b. sailing. c. preaching.



Franklin D. Roosevelt was president during:

a. World War I. b. World War II. c. the Civil War.



When Roosevelt first became president, he spoke to the country about helping:

a. the forgotten man. b. rich people. c. space men.

Quiz Yourself

(Answers at end of section)

Words to know

governor	the head of a state
ruin	destroy
paratroopers	soldiers who jump from planes and use parachutes to float to the ground
convention	a large meeting attended by people from all over the country
estate	a large piece of land with a house on it

Can you use them?

Using the words above, complete the following sentences.

1. The movie star built a fence around his _____ to keep visitors from entering the grounds.
2. The _____ signed the bill into law.

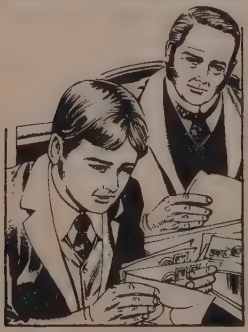
3. People shouldn't be afraid of heights if they become _____.
4. Every four years the Republicans and the Democrats hold a national _____.
5. Too much rain can _____ a farmer's crops.

Using pictures

In reading illustrated stories, you will find it helpful to "read" the pictures as well as the words. Look at this picture of Franklin Roosevelt's father teaching Franklin how to swim. Later in his life, swimming would become an important form of exercise for Franklin. Now look at page 51 to see why swimming became so important to him.

While you are reading

From the time he was a child, Franklin Roosevelt had many hobbies and interests. When he became active in politics, he still enjoyed these things. While you are reading, list as many of Roosevelt's interests as you can.



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How well did you read?

When you have finished reading, answer the following questions.

1. Why didn't Franklin's mother want him to go into politics? (Check the correct answer.)

_____ a. She thought his health was too poor.

_____ b. She felt that politics was not the job for a gentleman.

_____ c. She didn't want another politician in the family.

_____ d. She wanted Franklin to get a higher paying job.

2. What first caused Franklin to become interested in politics? (Check the correct answer.)

_____ a. His college friends told him that he was good at making speeches.

_____ b. He read newspaper stories about the exciting lives led by people in politics.

_____ c. His cousin Theodore Roosevelt ran for vice president of the United States.

_____ d. His wife wanted him to do what he could to help poor people.

3. How did Eleanor feel about Franklin's interest in politics?

(Check the correct answer.)

_____ a. She liked it because their house was always full of people.

_____ b. She had trouble managing without Franklin's mother around to help her.

_____ c. She was unhappy because she never joined any of the talks.

_____ d. She was bored and wanted to return to Hyde Park.

4. Which of the following jobs did Roosevelt hold before becoming president?

(Check the correct *answers.*)

_____ a. U.S. senator from New York

_____ b. lawyer

_____ c. state senator

_____ d. vice president of the United States

_____ e. Secretary of the Navy

_____ f. governor of New York

5. Why were some people unhappy about Roosevelt's plans to get people back to work during the Depression?

(Check the correct answer.)

_____ a. They didn't want to hire poor people.

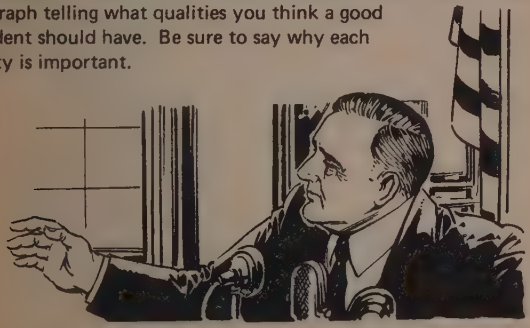
_____ b. They thought that the Depression would end without government help.

_____ c. They wanted to keep rich and poor people separate.

_____ d. They felt that his plans would make taxes too high.

Using what you've read

To vote for president of the United States, a person must be eighteen years old. Suppose that you are about to vote in your first election. What kind of person would you vote for? Write a paragraph telling what qualities you think a good president should have. Be sure to say why each quality is important.



ANSWER KEY

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Can you use them?

1. estate
2. governor
3. paratroopers
4. convention
5. ruin

How well did you read?

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. b, c, e, f
5. d

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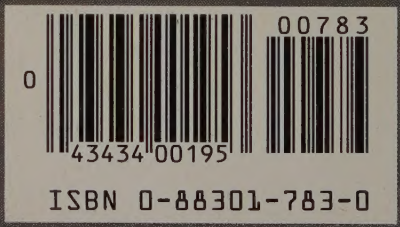

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